

- Make children wear a life jacket when on a dock, riding in a boat or raft, when skiing or tubing, and even when fishing or playing near the water. California law says that all children under twelve years of age must wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket while underway on a vessel of 26 feet or less.
- Children should be constantly supervised when in or near water, even if they are wearing a life jacket.
- Swimming lessons and infant/toddler water adjustment class promote water safety, but they do not replace adult supervision.
- Teach your children to wait for permission before getting into the water. Teach them also not to run or push on pool decks, docks or boats.
- Show your children safe areas for swimming.
- Use and enforce water safety rules, children learn from the actions of adults.
- Never use inflatable water toys, like beach balls or water wings, as life jackets or life preservers.
- Learn infant/child cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). When visiting a new water area, know where the nearest phone is to call 9-1-1 for help.

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